

Amendments to the Claims

1. (original) A corrective orthodontic brace comprising:
a support plate, so shaped as to fit closely, in use, against the keratinised tissue of a user's palate, whilst seating adjacent but free of the incisive papilla;
side pieces extending from opposite side regions of said support plate to lie, in use, adjacent respective upper molars on opposite sides of the mouth and adapted to grip the or each such molar to be corrected, via a connection which will allow the molar to move relative to the support plate;
spring means, acting to bias the or each molar gripped by a side piece away from the front of a user's mouth by transmitting the resultant force to said support plate, with no tooth-borne component;
2. (original) The orthodontic brace of claim 1 wherein the spring means is incorporated into the side pieces.
3. (original) The orthodontic brace of claim 2 wherein the spring means are adjustable.
4. (currently amended) The orthodontic brace of claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ further comprising attachment means, located on the support plate for attachment of restraining means to temporarily restrain the action of the spring means to facilitate fitting of the brace.
5. (currently amended) The orthodontic brace of claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ wherein the support plate is contoured to the vertical and horizontal parts of the palate and the rugae.
6. (cancelled) An orthodontic brace substantially as described herein with reference to and as illustrated by any appropriate combination of the accompanying drawings.